

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 608
By Williams (Wil)

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mrs. Margaret Smith Pinkelten, Ms. Caroline Allen Borum, and Mrs. Amber F. Raymer, on their selection as Cheatham County Teachers of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary teachers who have given unreservedly of themselves to develop this state's most precious natural resource: our children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Margaret Smith Pinkelten, Ms. Caroline Allen Borum, and Mrs. Amber F. Raymer are such remarkable persons, all of whom are voices of integrity in education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pinkelten, Ms. Borum, and Mrs. Raymer have recently been selected as Teachers of the Year by the Cheatham County school system, an honor most befitting their meritorious service to education and devotion to the children they teach; and

WHEREAS, a 1961 graduate of Martin High School, Mrs. Pinkelten earned a B.A. degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin, her Master's degree at Murray State University and additional coursework at Nashville State Technical Institute; and

WHEREAS, a teacher for 31 years, Mrs. Pinkelten has taught in Nashville and Dresden, Tennessee, Jeffersonville, Indiana, and Paducah, Kentucky, and currently teaches mathematics at Cheatham County Central High School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pinkelten evinces her devout religious faith at a Baptist church near her home in Goodlettsville, where she assists in fundraising efforts for the March of Dimes and the American Cancer Society; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Borum is a graduate of Hay Long High School, and earned a B.S. degree from Austin Peay State University; she has also taken courses at Middle Tennessee State University and the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, with 12 years of experience in the Cheatham County Schools, she teaches reading, language arts, and science to sixth graders at Sycamore Intermediate School (SIS). Prior to her tenure at SIS, Ms. Borum taught at Sycamore Middle School, Ashland City and East Cheatham elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her dedication to her school she is an active member of Ashland City's First Baptist Church, having served as a counselor for the Billy Graham Crusade in 1995; she is active in science-related projects, in the past presenting robotics workshops for Cheatham County teachers.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Raymer is a graduate of Smyrna High School, having earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Middle Tennessee University and a Masters of Education degree from Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Raymer has taught in Rutherford County and currently is a first grade teacher at West Cheatham Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, she has represented Cheatham County at the Tennessee Education Association Representative Assembly for seven years, and at the National Education Association Convention on four occasions; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Raymer is an active participant in the Christmas for Kids program and collects food and clothing for those in need through her work with her church, Pleasant View Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, these teachers have served Cheatham County students with enthusiasm, industry and singular acumen; and

WHEREAS, they are extremely patient and giving people who motivate students to reach their full potential, perhaps the greatest of all teaching gifts; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pinkelton, Ms. Borum, and Mrs. Raymer are never-ending sources of inspiration to those who know and cherish them and are tremendously admired by students and fellow teachers alike; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded in Cheatham County, these women are perfect examples of people who are totally committed to quality education and the highest ideals of public service, and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mrs. Peggy Smith Pinkelton, Ms. Caroline Allen Borum, and Mrs. Amber F. Raymer on being selected Teachers of the Year in the Cheatham County school system, commend their meritorious service to education, salute their expertise and dedication as instructors, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.